

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Jill Quinto, Chairperson, opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Pat Mencinkas, Edith Bukwa, David Ginter, Jill Quinto, LaVonne McClairen, Donna Claffy, Kamil Jaruga, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2011 and August 2, 2011 were approved.

Communications:

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#12-030-9001 The complaint alleges that the facility deceived a recipient into taking her medication by hiding it in her orange juice. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9002 The complaint alleges that the facility had a recipient hospitalized for retribution. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9003 The complaint alleges that a recipient received forced psychotropic medication for no adequate reason. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9004 The complaint alleges that the facility administered forced psychotropic medication for no adequate reason, denied a recipient her pass for no reason, and prevented a recipient from discharge. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9005 The complaint alleges that an elementary school staff informed a guardian that she signed a paper stating that she did not want special education services for her daughter, however she never signed this paper. Also, the parent was not included in the staffing and decision making regarding her child's need for special education services. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9006 The complaint alleges that a recipient was attacked outside of his facility and when he told staff, she told him that he couldn't handle himself in the community. She took away his passes and sent him to a psychiatric unit when he objected. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

Edith made a motion to go into closed session at 5:18 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:07 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: The HRA ratified all actions taken at the June 21, 2011 and August 2, 2011 meetings.

Report of Findings:

#11-030-9007 Northwestern. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9008 Madden. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9009 St. Mary's. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9013 Methodist. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#10-030-9022 Alden Lakeland. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#10-030-9024 Presidential Pavilion A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9004 Westlake. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9006 Lakefront. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. The facility has agreed to a site visit, and dates have been offered to the facility.

#11-030-9012 Northwestern. The site visit was held on 8/09/11 and the report is forthcoming.

#11-030-9014 Safe Haven. The site visit is scheduled for 11/09/11.

#11-030-9015 Riveredge. The site visit was held 10/20/11. The report is forthcoming.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA has voted to return to the 6 week schedule of meetings.

The HRA has agreed that the December 6th meeting will be held at Olive Garden Restaurant.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa